

REMARKS

Claims 1- 11 are pending in the application. Claims 6-8 are withdrawn from consideration. Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 9-11 are currently being examined, and are on appeal.


The foregoing makes minor clerical amendments to claim 1 to place it in better form for appeal and allowance. In response to the Office Communication mailed March 31, 2004, Applicants have amended claim 1 as discussed with the examiner in the telephone conversation of April 30, 2004. Applicants resubmit these claims for the examiner's review. Applicants concurrently submit a corrected Appeal Brief for the examiner's review.

The foregoing amendments make clerical changes to the claims, and do not introduce new matter. Applicants therefore request entry of the amendments and reconsideration of claims 1-5 and 9-11 in view of the Appeal Brief which will follow.

If there are any questions regarding this paper, or if any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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